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TAGS: OVIP (MITTERRAND, FRANCOIS), FR

SUBJECT: MITTERRAND TRIP

REF: PARIS 29216; PARIS 28811

1. CONCERNING PROPOSED SOCIALIST PARTY PRESS STATEMENT ON MITTERRAND'S U.S. TRIP, WE HAVE NO STRONG OBJECTION TO ITS WORDING BUT WOULD SUGGEST THAT MENTION OF THE APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY BE MADE SOMEWHAT MORE CONDITIONAL. BECAUSE OF SOME PRESSING CIRCUMSTANCE UNFORESEEABLE AT THIS TIME, IT MIGHT BECOME NECESSARY TO RESCHEDULE OR POSTPONE THE APPOINTMENT; IF NO MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME COULD BE ARRANGED, THEN THE PRESS RELEASE AS PRESENTLY WRITTEN COULD EMBARRASS MITTERRAND. A PREFERABLE WORDING, THEREFORE, WOULD BE THAT "MITTERRAND HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE."

2. AS FOR POSSIBLE THREATS AGAINST MITTERRAND, THE DEPARTMENT IS UNAWARE OF ANY THREATS AGAINST HIM. IF THE SOCIAL-
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IST PARTY HAS ANY INFORMATION ABOUT SOURCES AND NATURE OF

SUCH THREATS, PLEASE TRANSMIT DETAILS TO US ASAP. KISSINGER

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